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Applicant : Per MÄNSSON et al. Confirmation No.: 3648
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Title : COATED METAL SURFACE ON SOLID SUPPORT USEFUL
IN ANALYTE DETECTION BY DISPLACEMENT

TC/A.U. : 1641
Examiner : M. J. Yu

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection of March 27, 2009, in connection with the above identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on July 27, 2009, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith to provide the Examiner with sufficient time to consider this response which it is believed places the application in condition for allowance. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of the interview extended the undersigned attorney on July 8, 2009 by Examiner Yu, at which time the outstanding rejections were discussed and the reason for patentability as more fully described herein. While it is believed that this response places the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any suggestions which might advance the prosecution and avoid the necessity to proceed with this appeal.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 12, 13, and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miura et al. in view of Jacobs et al. and further in view of Tao et al. has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the following comments and as discussed at the interview.